

to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, and that currently no claim is generic.

The species stated are:

- 1) A first embodiment of Fig. 1, which reads on Claims 1-25, and
- 2) A second embodiment of Fig. 3, which reads on Claims 6-10, 12-16 and 21-25,

Applicant asserts that Claims 1-25 are generic.

Applicant provisionally elects to be examined the species described by the Examiner as Group I , which reads on Claims 1-25. This election is made with traverse of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.143 for the reasons given in the following paragraphs.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the Requirement for Election of Species given in the Office Action, because of the increased costs applicant would be forced to bear if the two species are separately examined. Furthermore, the field of search must necessarily cover both species, in addition to other related Classes and subclasses, to provide a complete and adequate search.

Withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement, and allowance of the present Patent Application, is therefore respectfully requested.

It is requested that should there be any problems with this response, please call the undersigned Attorney at (845) 452-5863.

Respectfully submitted,

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